

# Homotopy analysis method for fuzzy Boussinesq equation

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**Abstract** In this work, the fuzzy Boussinesq equation is considered to solve via the homotopy analysis method (HAM). For this purpose, a theorem is proved to illustrate the convergence of the proposed method. Also, two sample examples are solved by applying the HAM to verify the efficiency and importance of the method.

**Keywords** Homotopy analysis method · Fuzzy Boussinesq equation · Fuzzy numbers · Convergence

## Introduction

In recent years, some numerical and analytical methods were proposed in order to solve fuzzy differential equations [1–8, 10, 18, 19]. One of the powerful semi-analytical methods to solve differential equations is the homotopy analysis method (HAM). In [14], the authors applied this method to solve the Boussinesq equation in crisp case. In this work, we consider the fuzzy form of Boussinesq equation as follows:

$$\tilde{u}_t + \alpha \tilde{u}_{xx} + \beta (\tilde{u}^2)_{xx} - \tilde{u}_{xxx} = \tilde{0}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T, x > 0. \quad (1)$$

With the following initial conditions,

$$\tilde{u}(x, 0) = \tilde{f}(x), \quad (2)$$

$$\tilde{u}_t(x, 0) = \tilde{g}(x), \quad (3)$$

where  $\tilde{u}$  is unknown fuzzy function,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are crisp constant coefficients and  $\tilde{f}$  and  $\tilde{g}$  are known fuzzy functions.

In order to solve Eq. (1), we apply the HAM in fuzzy case as an important and efficient method to find the solution of differential equations. The HAM, proposed by Liao, [16, 17], is a semi-analytical method which the solution is obtained as a series form according to a recursive relation stems from a deformation equation [13, 14].

In Sect. 2, we remind some fuzzy concepts briefly. In Sect. 3, we apply the HAM to solve the fuzzy Boussinesq equation and we prove a theorem to show the convergence of the proposed method. In Sect. 4, we solve two sample fuzzy Boussinesq equations and we obtain a series solution by this method.

## Preliminaries

In this section, we recall some basic definitions of fuzzy sets theory [22].

**Definition 2.1** A fuzzy parametric number  $u$  is a pair  $(\underline{u}(r), \bar{u}(r))$ ,  $0 \leq r \leq 1$ , which satisfies the following requirements:

1.  $\underline{u}(r)$  is a bounded left continuous non-decreasing function over  $[0, 1]$ ,
2.  $\bar{u}(r)$  is a bounded left continuous non-increasing function over  $[0, 1]$ ,
3.  $\underline{u}(r) \leq \bar{u}(r)$ ,  $0 \leq r \leq 1$ .

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The set of all these fuzzy numbers is denoted by  $\mathbb{E}^1$ . For  $u = (\underline{u}, \bar{u}), v = (\underline{v}, \bar{v}) \in \mathbb{E}^1$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{R}$  the addition, multiplication, and the scalar multiplication of fuzzy numbers are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} (u+v)(r) &= \underline{u}(r) + \underline{v}(r), \\ (\overline{u+v})(r) &= \bar{u}(r) + \bar{v}(r), \\ (\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v})(r) &= \min\{\underline{u}(r) \cdot \underline{v}(r), \underline{u}(r) \cdot \bar{v}(r), \bar{u}(r) \cdot \underline{v}(r), \bar{u}(r) \cdot \bar{v}(r)\}, \\ (\overline{u \cdot v})(r) &= \max\{\underline{u}(r) \cdot \underline{v}(r), \underline{u}(r) \cdot \bar{v}(r), \bar{u}(r) \cdot \underline{v}(r), \bar{u}(r) \cdot \bar{v}(r)\}, \\ k\underline{u}(r) &= k\underline{u}(r), \quad \overline{k\underline{u}}(r) = k\bar{u}(r), \quad k \geq 0, \\ k\underline{u}(r) &= k\bar{u}(r), \quad \overline{k\underline{u}}(r) = k\underline{u}(r), \quad k \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 2.2** A fuzzy parametric number  $\tilde{u}$  is positive (negative) if and only if  $\underline{u}(r) \geq 0$  ( $\bar{u}(r) \leq 0$ )  $\forall r \in [0, 1]$ .

**Remark 2.3** If fuzzy parametric numbers  $\tilde{u}$  and  $\tilde{v}$  are positive, then  $\tilde{u} \cdot \tilde{v}(r) = (\underline{u}(r)\underline{v}(r), \bar{u}(r)\bar{v}(r))$ .

**Definition 2.4** A function  $f: \mathbb{R}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^1$  is called a fuzzy function. If for arbitrary fixed  $t_0 \in \mathbb{E}^1$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that,  $|t - t_0| < \delta \Rightarrow D(f(t), f(t_0)) < \varepsilon$  exists,  $f$  is said to be continuous [20, 21].

**Definition 2.5** Let  $u, v \in \mathbb{E}^1$ . If there exists  $w \in \mathbb{E}^1$  such that  $u = v + w$ , then  $w$  is called the H-difference of  $u, v$  and it is denoted by  $u \ominus v$  [9].

**Definition 2.6** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^1$  and  $t_0 \in (a, b)$ . We define the  $n$ -th order differential of  $f$  as follows: We say that  $f$  is strongly generalized differentiable of  $n$ -th order at  $t_0$ , if there exists an element  $f^{(s)}(t_0) \in \mathbb{E}^1 \quad \forall s = 1, \dots, n$  such that

- (i) for all  $h > 0$  sufficiently close to 0, there exist  $f^{(s-1)}(t_0 + h) \ominus f^{(s-1)}(t_0), f^{(s-1)}(t_0) \ominus f^{(s-1)}(t_0 - h)$  and the limits

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f^{(s-1)}(t_0 + h) \ominus f^{(s-1)}(t_0)}{h} \\ = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f^{(s-1)}(t_0) \ominus f^{(s-1)}(t_0 - h)}{h} = f^{(s)}(t_0), \end{aligned}$$

or

- (ii) for all  $h > 0$  sufficiently close to 0, there exist  $f^{(s-1)}(t_0 - h) \ominus f^{(s-1)}(t_0), f^{(s-1)}(t_0) \ominus f^{(s-1)}(t_0 + h)$  and the limits

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f^{(s-1)}(t_0 - h) \ominus f^{(s-1)}(t_0)}{-h} \\ = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f^{(s-1)}(t_0) \ominus f^{(s-1)}(t_0 + h)}{-h} = f^{(s)}(t_0), \end{aligned}$$

or

- (iii) for all  $h > 0$  sufficiently close to 0, there exist  $f^{(s-1)}(t_0 + h) \ominus f^{(s-1)}(t_0), f^{(s-1)}(t_0 - h) \ominus f^{(s-1)}(t_0)$  and the limits

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f^{(s-1)}(t_0 + h) \ominus f^{(s-1)}(t_0)}{h} \\ = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f^{(s-1)}(t_0 - h) \ominus f^{(s-1)}(t_0)}{-h} = f^{(s)}(t_0), \end{aligned}$$

or

- (iv) for all  $h > 0$  sufficiently close to 0, there exist  $f^{(s-1)}(t_0) \ominus f^{(s-1)}(t_0 + h), f^{(s-1)}(t_0) \ominus f^{(s-1)}(t_0 - h)$  and the limits

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f^{(s-1)}(t_0) \ominus f^{(s-1)}(t_0 + h)}{-h} \\ = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f^{(s-1)}(t_0) \ominus f^{(s-1)}(t_0 - h)}{h} = f^{(s)}(t_0), \end{aligned}$$

( $h$  and  $(-h)$  at denominators mean  $\frac{1}{h}$  and  $-\frac{1}{h}$  respectively  $\forall s = 1, \dots, n$ ) [9, 11, 12].

**Theorem 2.7** Let  $f: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^1$  be strongly generalized differentiable on each point  $t \in (a, b)$  in the sense of Definition 2.5, (iii) or (iv). Then  $f'(x) \in \mathbb{R}$  for all  $t \in (a, b)$  (see [9]).

**Theorem 2.8** Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^1$  be a function and denote  $f(t) = (\underline{f}(t, r), \bar{f}(t, r))$ , for each  $r \in [0, 1]$ . Then

- (1) If  $f$  is differentiable in the first form (i), then  $\underline{f}(t, r)$  and  $\bar{f}(t, r)$  are differentiable functions and  $f'(t) = (\underline{f}'(t, r), \bar{f}'(t, r))$ ,
- (2) If  $f$  is differentiable in the second form (ii), then  $\underline{f}(t, r)$  and  $\bar{f}(t, r)$  are differentiable functions and  $f'(t) = (\bar{f}'(t, r), \underline{f}'(t, r))$  (see [11]).

**Remark 2.9** Note that by the above definition, a fuzzy function is i-differentiable or ii-differentiable of order  $n$  if  $f^{(s)}$  for  $s = 1, \dots, n$  is i-differentiable or ii-differentiable. It is possible that the different orders have different kind i or ii differentiability.

## Main idea

In order to describe the HAM for Eq. (1), we consider the following equation:

$$\tilde{N}[\tilde{u}(x, t)] = \tilde{u}_t + \alpha \tilde{u}_{xx} + \beta (\tilde{u}^2)_{xx} - \tilde{u}_{xxx} = \tilde{0}, \quad (4)$$

According to the parametric form of fuzzy numbers, we consider Eq. (4) in the following form:

$$N = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{N}[u(x, t)] \\ \bar{N}[u(x, t)] \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad u(x, t) = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{u}(x, t) \\ \bar{u}(x, t) \end{pmatrix}.$$



At first, we construct the zeroth-order deformation system.

$$(I - Q)L[\phi(x, t, r; Q) - u_0(x, t, r)] = QHhN[\phi(x, t, r; Q)], \quad (5)$$

where  $I$  is the identity matrix,  $L = \begin{pmatrix} L_1 & 0 \\ 0 & L_2 \end{pmatrix}$  is an auxiliary linear operator matrix,  $H(x, t, r) = \begin{pmatrix} H_1(x, t, r) & 0 \\ 0 & H_2(x, t, r) \end{pmatrix}$  is an auxiliary function matrix,  $h = \begin{pmatrix} h_1 & 0 \\ 0 & h_2 \end{pmatrix}$  is an auxiliary parameter matrix,  $\phi(x, t; Q) = \begin{pmatrix} \phi(x, t, r; q) \\ \bar{\phi}(x, t, r; q) \end{pmatrix}$  is an unknown function matrix,  $u_0(x, t, r)$  is an initial guess of the vector  $u(x, t, r)$  and  $Q = \begin{pmatrix} q & 0 \\ 0 & q \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $0 \leq q \leq 1$ , is a diagonal matrix which denotes the embedding parameter matrix. It is obvious, when the  $q$ , increases from 0 to 1 or in other word the embedding parameter matrix changes from  $Q = \bar{0}$  to  $Q = I$ , the solution of system of equations (5) changes from  $\phi(x, t, r; \bar{0}) = u_0(x, t, r)$  to  $\phi(x, t, r; I) = u(x, t, r)$ . Therefore,  $\phi(x, t, r)$  varies from the initial guess  $u_0(x, t, r)$  to the exact solution  $u(x, t, r)$  of the system.

We consider  $\phi(x, t, r; Q)$  in the following matrix expansion form,

$$\phi(x, t, r; Q) = u_0(x, t, r) + \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} Q^m u_m(x, t, r), \quad (6)$$

where

$$u_m(x, t, r) = \frac{1}{m!} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^m \phi(x, t, r; q)}{\partial q^m} \Big|_{q=0} \\ \frac{\partial^m \bar{\phi}(x, t, r; q)}{\partial q^m} \Big|_{q=0} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (7)$$

The convergence of the vector series (6) depends upon the auxiliary parameter matrix  $h$ , if it is convergent at  $Q = I$ , we have

$$u(x, t, r) = u_0(x, t, r) + \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} u_m(x, t, r). \quad (8)$$

Now, we define the vectors,

$$\vec{u}_k(x, t, r) = \{u_0(x, t, r), \dots, u_k(x, t, r)\}, \quad (9)$$

where

$$u_i = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{u}_i(x, t, r) \\ \bar{u}_i(x, t, r) \end{pmatrix}, \quad i = 0, \dots, k. \quad (10)$$

The  $m$ -th order deformation system can be written as

$$L[u_m(x, t, r) - \chi_m u_{(m-1)}(x, t, r)] = hHR_m(\vec{u}_{m-1}(x, t, r)), \quad (11)$$

where

$$R_m(\vec{u}_{m-1}) = \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^{m-1} N[\phi(x, t; Q)]}{\partial q^{m-1}} \Big|_{Q=\bar{0}} \\ \frac{\partial^{m-1} \bar{N}[\phi(x, t; Q)]}{\partial q^{m-1}} \Big|_{Q=\bar{0}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (12)$$

$$\chi_m = \begin{cases} \bar{0}, & m \leq 1, \\ I, & m > 1. \end{cases}$$

If we consider  $L = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} \end{pmatrix}$ , then we have,

$$\begin{aligned} u_m(t, r) &= \chi_m u_{m-1}(t, r) + L^{-1}[HhR_m(\vec{u}_{m-1})] \\ &= \chi_m u_{m-1}(t, r) \\ &\quad + \begin{pmatrix} h_1 & 0 \\ 0 & h_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \int_0^\tau \int_0^t d\theta d\tau & 0 \\ 0 & \int_0^\tau \int_0^t d\theta d\tau \end{pmatrix} \\ &\quad \times \left[ \begin{pmatrix} H_1 & 0 \\ 0 & H_2 \end{pmatrix} R_m(\vec{u}_{m-1}) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

**Theorem 2.10** If the series solution (8) of problem (1) obtained from the HAM and also the series  $\sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \underline{u}_m$ ,  $\sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \underline{u}_m$ ,  $\sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \underline{u}_m^2$ ,  $\sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^4} \underline{u}_m$ ,  $\sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \bar{u}_m$ ,  $\sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \bar{u}_m$ ,  $\sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \bar{u}_m^2$ , and  $\sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^4} \bar{u}_m$  are convergent, and also  $\underline{0}_m$  and  $\bar{0}_m$  converge to the  $\underline{0}$  and  $\bar{0}$  respectively, then (8) converges to the exact solution of the problem (1).

*Proof* Without loss of generality, we suppose  $u$  be i-differentiable with respect to the  $x$ ,  $t$  and also it be a positive fuzzy number ( $\forall t \in [0, T]$ ). Therefore, we can write Eq. (1) in the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{u}_{tt} + (\alpha^+ - \alpha^-) \tilde{u}_{xx} + (\beta^+ - \beta^-) (\tilde{u}^2)_{xx} - \tilde{u}_{xxxx} &= \tilde{0}, \\ 0 \leq t \leq T, x > 0, \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

where  $\alpha^+, \alpha^-, \beta^+, \beta^- \geq 0$ .

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\begin{pmatrix} N[u(x, t, r)] \\ \bar{N}[u(x, t, r)] \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \underline{u}_{tt} + \alpha^+ \underline{u}_{xx} - \alpha^- \bar{u}_{xx} + \beta^+ \underline{u}_{xx}^2 - \beta^- \bar{u}_{xx}^2 - \underline{u}_{xxxx} - \underline{0} \\ \bar{u}_{tt} + \alpha^+ \bar{u}_{xx} - \alpha^- \underline{u}_{xx} + \beta^+ \bar{u}_{xx}^2 - \beta^- \underline{u}_{xx}^2 - \bar{u}_{xxxx} - \bar{0} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$



If the series

$$\sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} u_m(x, t, r) = \left( \begin{array}{c} \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \underline{u}_m(x, t, r) \\ \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \bar{u}_m(x, t, r) \end{array} \right)$$

converges, we assume

$$u(x, t, r) = \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} u_m(x, t, r),$$

whereIn general, the series

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} u_m(x, t, r) = \vec{0}. \quad (16)$$

We write

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} L[u_m(x, t, r) - \chi_m u_{m-1}(x, t, r)] \\ &= L \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} [u_m(x, t, r) - \chi_m u_{m-1}(x, t, r)] = \vec{0}. \end{aligned}$$

From above expression and Eq. (13), we obtain

$$\sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} L[u_m(x, t, r) - \chi_m u_{m-1}(x, t, r)] = hH(x, t) \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} [R_m(\vec{u}_{m-1})].$$

Since  $h \neq 0$  and  $H(x, t) \neq 0$ , we have

$$\sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} [R_m(\vec{u}_{m-1})] = \vec{0}. \quad (17)$$

From (12), it holds

$$\sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} [R_m(\vec{u}_{m-1})] =$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} \underline{u}_{m-1} + \alpha^+ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} \underline{u}_{m-1} - \alpha^- \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} \bar{u}_{m-1} + \beta^+ \frac{\partial^2}{x^2} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \underline{u}_i \underline{u}_{m-i-1} \right] \\ - \beta^- \frac{\partial^2}{x^2} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \bar{u}_i \bar{u}_{m-i-1} \right] - \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^4} \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} \bar{u}_{m-1} - \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \underline{0}_m \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} \bar{u}_{m-1} + \alpha^+ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} \bar{u}_{m-1} - \alpha^- \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} \underline{u}_{m-1} + \beta^+ \frac{\partial^2}{x^2} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \bar{u}_i \bar{u}_{m-i-1} \right] \\ - \beta^- \frac{\partial^2}{x^2} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \underline{u}_i \underline{u}_{m-i-1} \right] - \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^4} \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} \underline{u}_{m-1} - \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \bar{0}_m \end{array} \right).$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{m=1}^n [u_m(x, t, r) - \chi_m u_{m-1}(x, t, r)] \\ &= u_1 + (u_2 - u_1) + (u_3 - u_2) + \cdots + (u_n - u_{n-1}) \\ &= u_n(x, t, r), \end{aligned}$$

using (16), we have

$$\sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} [u_m(x, t, r) - \chi_m u_{m-1}(x, t, r)] = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} u_n(x, t, r) = \vec{0}.$$

According to the definition of the operator  $L$ , we can write

We consider  $\sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \underline{u}_i \underline{u}_{m-i-1}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \underline{u}_i \underline{u}_{m-i-1} &= \sum_{i=0}^{+\infty} \sum_{m=i+1}^{+\infty} \underline{u}_i \underline{u}_{m-i-1} = \sum_{i=0}^{+\infty} \underline{u}_i \sum_{m=i+1}^{+\infty} \underline{u}_{m-i-1} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{+\infty} \underline{u}_i \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \underline{u}_m. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly for next elements. Finally,

$$\sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} [R_m(\vec{u}_{m-1})]$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \underline{u}_m + \alpha^+ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \underline{u}_m - \alpha^- \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \bar{u}_m + \beta^+ \frac{\partial^2}{x^2} \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{+\infty} \underline{u}_i \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \underline{u}_m \right] \\ - \beta^- \frac{\partial^2}{x^2} \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{+\infty} \bar{u}_i \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \bar{u}_m \right] - \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^4} \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \underline{u}_m - \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \bar{u}_m \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \bar{u}_m + \alpha^+ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \bar{u}_m - \alpha^- \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \underline{u}_m + \beta^+ \frac{\partial^2}{x^2} \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{+\infty} \bar{u}_i \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \bar{u}_m \right] \\ - \beta^- \frac{\partial^2}{x^2} \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{+\infty} \underline{u}_i \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \underline{u}_m \right] - \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^4} \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \underline{u}_m - \sum_{m=0}^{+\infty} \bar{u}_m \end{pmatrix} \\ = \vec{0}.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \underline{u}_{tt} + \alpha^+ \underline{u}_{xx} - \alpha^- \bar{u}_{xx} + \beta^+ \underline{u}_{xx}^2 - \beta^- \bar{u}_{xx}^2 - \underline{u}_{xxxx} - \frac{0}{0} \\ \bar{u}_{tt} + \alpha^+ \bar{u}_{xx} - \alpha^- \underline{u}_{xx} + \beta^+ \bar{u}_{xx}^2 - \beta^- \underline{u}_{xx}^2 - \bar{u}_{xxxx} - \frac{0}{0} \end{pmatrix} \\ = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

and it means that

$$\tilde{u}_{tt} + \alpha \tilde{u}_{xx} + \beta (\tilde{u}^2)_{xx} - \tilde{u}_{xxxx} = \tilde{0}.$$

□

### Test examples

In this section, we solve two sample examples to illustrate the applicability of the proposed method. The results are provided by Maple.

**Example 3.1** We consider the following fuzzy Boussinesq equation

$$\tilde{u}_{tt} - \tilde{u}_{xx} + (\tilde{u}^2)_{xx} - \tilde{u}_{xxxx} = \tilde{0},$$

with the initial conditions:

$$\tilde{u}(x, 0) = (r, 3 - 2r) \frac{6}{x^2}, \quad \tilde{u}_t(x, 0) = (r, 3 - 2r) \frac{-12}{x^3},$$

where  $\tilde{0} = (3r - 3, 3 - 3r) \hat{u}_{xx} + (r^2 - (3 - 2r), (3 - 2r)^2 - (r)) \hat{u}_{xxxx}$  and  $\hat{u}$  is the solution of crisp case of the equation.

We suppose,  $\tilde{u}_t$  be i-differentiable with respect to the  $t$  and  $\tilde{u}_x, \tilde{u}_x^2$  and  $\tilde{u}_{xxx}$  are i-differentiable with respect to the  $x$ . Also  $\tilde{u}$  be a positive fuzzy number ( $\forall t \in [0, T], x > 0$ ), therefore we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} \underline{u}_{tt} - \underline{u}_{xx} + (\underline{u}^2)_{xx} - \underline{u}_{xxxx} - (3r - 3) \hat{u}_{xx} - (r^2 - (3 - 2r)) \hat{u}_{xxxx} \\ \bar{u}_{tt} - \bar{u}_{xx} + (\bar{u}^2)_{xx} - \bar{u}_{xxxx} - (3 - 3r) \hat{u}_{xx} - ((3 - 2r)^2 - r) \hat{u}_{xxxx} \end{pmatrix} \\ = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We consider  $H = I$  and  $h = -I$ , and also, we choose the

initial approximate as  $\begin{pmatrix} r \frac{6x - 12t}{x^3} \\ (3 - 2r) \frac{6x - 12t}{x^3} \end{pmatrix}$ . According to

Eq. (13), we have

$$R_m(\vec{u}_{m-1}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \underline{u}_{m-1} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} \underline{u}_{m-1} + \frac{\partial^2}{x^2} \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \underline{u}_i \underline{u}_{m-i-1} \right] - \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^4} \underline{u}_{m-1} \\ - (3r - 3) \frac{\partial^2}{x^2} \hat{u} - (r^2 - (3 - 2r)) \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^4} \hat{u} \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \bar{u}_{m-1} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} \bar{u}_{m-1} + \frac{\partial^2}{x^2} \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \bar{u}_i \bar{u}_{m-i-1} \right] - \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^4} \bar{u}_{m-1} \\ - (3 - 3r) \frac{\partial^2}{x^2} \hat{u} - ((3 - 2r)^2 - r) \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^4} \hat{u} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore,

$$u_0 = \begin{pmatrix} r \left( \frac{6}{x^2} - \frac{12t}{x^3} \right) \\ (3 - 2r) \left( \frac{6}{x^2} - \frac{12t}{x^3} \right) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{18rt^2}{x^4} - \frac{24rt^3}{x^5} - \frac{504r^2t^4}{x^8} \\ -\frac{(72r - 108)t^2}{2x^4} - \frac{(-144r + 216)t^3}{3x^5} - \frac{3(1512 + 672r^2 - 2016r)t^4}{x^8} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{30rt^4}{x^6} - \frac{24rt^5}{x^7} + \frac{504r^2t^4}{x^8} + \dots \\ -\frac{(240r - 360)t^4}{4x^6} - \frac{(540 - 360r)t^5}{5x^7} + \frac{3(1512 + 672r^2 - 2016r)t^4}{x^8} + \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

⋮



In general, the series solution is given by

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u_n(x, t) \\ = \begin{pmatrix} r \left( \frac{6}{x^2} - \frac{12}{x^3} t + \frac{18}{x^4} t^2 - \frac{24}{x^5} t^3 + \frac{30}{x^6} t^4 + \dots \right) \\ (3-2r) \left( \frac{6}{x^2} - \frac{12}{x^3} t + \frac{18}{x^4} t^2 - \frac{24}{x^5} t^3 + \frac{30}{x^6} t^4 + \dots \right) \end{pmatrix}.$$

We suppose  $\tilde{u}_t$  be ii-differentiable with respect to the  $t$ ,  $\tilde{u}_x, \tilde{u}_{xxx}$  are ii-differentiable with respect to the  $x$  and  $\tilde{u}_x^2$  is i-differentiable with respect to the  $x$ . Also  $\tilde{u}$  be a negative fuzzy number ( $\forall t \in [0, T], x > 0$ ), therefore we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} \bar{u}_{tt} - \underline{u}_{xx} - (\bar{u}^2)_{xx} - \underline{u}_{xxx} - \left( \frac{3r}{2} - \frac{3}{2} \right) (-\hat{u}_{xx}) - \left( \left( \frac{r}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) - (2-r)^2 \right) (-\hat{u}_{xxx}) \\ \underline{u}_{tt} - \bar{u}_{xx} - (\underline{u}^2)_{xx} - \bar{u}_{xxx} - \left( \frac{-3r}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \right) (-\hat{u}_{xx}) - \left( (2-r) - \left( \frac{r}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \right) (-\hat{u}_{xxx}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

That gives the exact solution

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{6r}{(x+t)^2} \\ \frac{6(3-2r)}{(x+t)^2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore,  $\tilde{u} = (r, 3-2r) \frac{6}{(x+t)^2}$  is the exact solution of the fuzzy differential equation.

**Example 3.2** We consider the following fuzzy Boussing equation

$$\tilde{u}_{tt} - \tilde{u}_{xx} - (\tilde{u}^2)_{xx} - \tilde{u}_{xxx} = \tilde{0},$$

with the initial conditions:

$$\tilde{u}(x, 0) = \left( \frac{r}{2} + \frac{1}{2}, 2-r \right) \frac{-6}{x^2},$$

$$\tilde{u}_t(x, 0) = \left( \frac{r}{2} + \frac{1}{2}, 2-r \right) \frac{12}{x^3},$$

where  $\tilde{0} = (\frac{3r}{2} - \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3r}{2} + \frac{3}{2}) (-\hat{u}_{xx}) + ((\frac{r}{2} + \frac{1}{2}) - (2-r)^2, (2-r) - (\frac{r}{2} + \frac{1}{2})^2) (-\hat{u}_{xxx})$  and  $\hat{u}$  is the solution of crisp case of the equation.

We consider  $H = I$  and  $h = -I$ , and also, we choose the

initial approximate as  $\begin{pmatrix} \left( \frac{r}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{-6x+12t}{x^3} \\ (2-r) \frac{-6x+12t}{x^3} \end{pmatrix}$ . Accord-

ing to Eq. (13), we have

$$R_m(\vec{u}_{m-1}) \\ = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \underline{u}_{m-1} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} \underline{u}_{m-1} - \frac{\partial^2}{x^2} \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \bar{v}_i \bar{v}_{m-i-1} \right] - \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^4} \underline{u}_{m-1} \\ - \left( \frac{3}{2} r - \frac{3}{2} \right) \frac{\partial^2}{x^2} (-\hat{u}) - \left( \left( \frac{r}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) - (2-r)^2 \right) \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^4} (-\hat{u}) \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \bar{u}_{m-1} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} \bar{u}_{m-1} - \frac{\partial^2}{x^2} \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \underline{u}_i \underline{u}_{m-i-1} \right] + \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^4} \bar{u}_{m-1} \\ - \left( \frac{3}{2} - \frac{3}{2} r \right) \frac{\partial^2}{x^2} (-\hat{u}) - \left( (2-r) - \left( \frac{r}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \right) \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^4} (-\hat{u}) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore,

$$u_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \left( \frac{r}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( \frac{6}{x^2} - \frac{12t}{x^3} \right) \\ (2-r) \left( \frac{6}{x^2} - \frac{12t}{x^3} \right) \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
u_1 &= \left( \begin{aligned} &-\frac{(18r+18)t^2}{2x^4} - \frac{(36-36r)t^3}{3x^5} + \frac{3(42+48r+42r^2)t^4}{x^8} \\ &-\frac{(-36r+72)t^2}{2x^4} - \frac{(144r+72)t^3}{3x^5} + \frac{3(1344-1344r+336r^2)t^4}{2x^8} \end{aligned} \right) \\
u_2 &= \left( \begin{aligned} &-\frac{(60r+60)t^4}{4x^6} - \frac{(90r-90)t^5}{5x^7} - \frac{3(42+48r+42r^2)t^4}{x^8} + \dots \\ &-\frac{(240-120r)t^4}{4x^6} - \frac{(180r-360)t^5}{5x^7} - \frac{3(1344-1344r+336r^2)t^4}{2x^8} + \dots \end{aligned} \right) \\
&\vdots
\end{aligned}$$

In general, the series solution is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
u(x, t) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u_n(x, t) \\
&= \left( \begin{aligned} &\left( \frac{r}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( -\frac{6}{x^2} + \frac{12}{x^3}t - \frac{18}{x^4}t^2 + \frac{24}{x^5}t^3 - \frac{30}{x^6}t^4 + \dots \right) \\ &(2-r) \left( -\frac{6}{x^2} + \frac{12}{x^3}t - \frac{18}{x^4}t^2 + \frac{24}{x^5}t^3 - \frac{30}{x^6}t^4 + \dots \right) \end{aligned} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

That gives the exact solution

$$\left( \begin{aligned} &\left( \frac{r}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{-6}{(x+t)^2} \\ &(2-r) \frac{-6}{(x+t)^2} \end{aligned} \right).$$

Therefore,  $\tilde{u} = \left( \frac{r}{2} + \frac{1}{2}, 2-r \right) \left( \frac{-6}{(x+t)^2} \right)$  is the exact solution of the fuzzy differential equation.

## Conclusion

In this work, we applied the fuzzy HAM in order to solve the fuzzy Boussinesq equation. For this aim, we considered the parametric form of a fuzzy number and established the deformation equations for two crisp Boussinesq equations obtained from the proposed method. Also, we presented a theorem to warrant the convergence of the proposed method too. Similar to the discussion in this work, the HAM can be used in order to solve other kinds of fuzzy differential equations as an efficient and proper method.

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